



**Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
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NOTICE OF HEALTH ADVISORY **HAZARDOUS**

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Due to the current fire situation, local communities may experience elevated levels of smoke and particulate matter in outdoor air. Therefore, the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) recommends that individuals directly downwind from such smoke take the following precautions throughout the entire **Mojave Desert AQMD** jurisdiction (any areas nearby and surrounding these cities - Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Hesperia, Lucerne Valley, Needles, Phelan, Trona, Twentynine Palms, and Yucca Valley).

- **EVERYONE** should avoid outdoor exertion. If you must be outdoors please take the following precautions:
- Individuals with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should avoid moderate or heavy exertion. Everyone else, especially children and the elderly should avoid prolonged exertion.
- Stay indoors if possible. Keep doors and windows closed when possible and set air conditioners on the "recycled air" setting, if units are equipped with this option (i.e., close the outdoor air vent).
- Office building managers are advised to set ventilation/air conditioning systems to minimize outdoor air entering structures (remember to re-set system once the episode is over).
- Outdoor workers are advised to minimize prolonged outdoor exertion.
- Individuals experiencing breathing difficulties or chest pain are advised to see their physician.

For updated information, call the MDAQMD's automated Air Quality Forecast Line at (760) 245-1661, ext. 5067 or the Community Relations & Education Office at (760) 245-1661, ext. 6717. Or visit www.airquality.org/smokeimpact for more health precautions and latest fire updates as made available..